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Onsite Sewage System Rules WAC 246-272A

State Board of Health – May 11, 2005

Purpose of Regulations

- Prevent human contact with sewage by assuring system is properly:
 - Located
 - Designed & installed
 - Used & cared for
- Results in increased probability of:
 - Long-term system life
 - Long-term cost savings for owner

Issue

- Topic: Local planning
 - Legislature included \$1.3million for marine counties

- Department recommendation: **Amend proposed rule language - only 12 Puget Sound Counties required to complete more detailed plans**

Issue

- Topic: Minimum lot size/buildable lots
- Decision Options:
 - Maintain current rule language
 - Maintain current rule language but require 0.5 acre where nitrogen is identified as a concern
 - Adopt proposed rule language
- Department recommendation: **Request direction from SBOH**

Issue

- Topic: Drainfield size, buildable lots
- Department recommendation: **Amend proposed rule language to allow smaller drainfield areas in some circumstances**

Issue

- Topic: Record transfers
- Department recommendation: **Amend proposed rule language to clarify that records are transferred when available**

Next Steps

- Prepare/file Supplemental CR102 based on SBOH direction
- Distribute for public comment
- Public Hearing at July SBOH hearing

Interim Activities

- Develop contracts with Puget Sound counties
- Develop guidance for plans
- Work with LHJs/industry to develop common forms
- Expand/enhance homeowner education
- Identify repair funding options

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